



WELCOME TO RSVP 101

2015 Senior Corps RSVP Review
Orientation Session 2

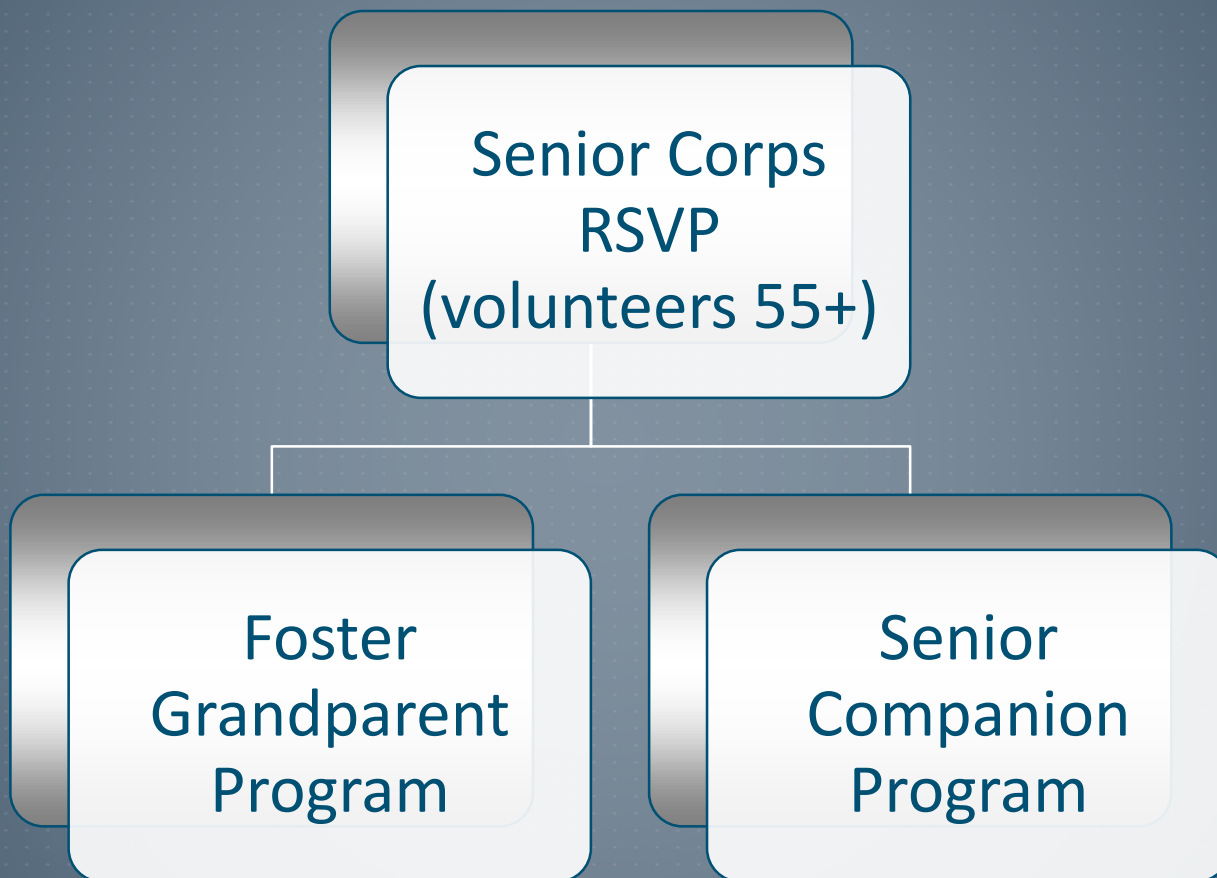


LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Describe the Performance Measures Module
- ▶ List the Primary Focus Areas
- ▶ State what is included in the RSVP Applications



RSVP & CNCS





RSVP

- ▶ Established in 1971
- ▶ 296,000 volunteers each year/685 projects
- ▶ The average RSVP has 432 volunteers and receives an average of \$73,000 in funding from CNCS.



2015 RSVP COMPETITION

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act

Signed into law on April 21, 2009.

- ▶ Focused RSVP programs on critical issues for greater impact
- ▶ Enabled CNCS to demonstrate impact
- ▶ Ensured funding is received by the best applicant in each community



RSVP VOLUNTEERS

- ▶ Flexible Scheduling
- ▶ Service Activities
- ▶ Benefits:
 - ▶ Insurance
 - ▶ Recognition
 - ▶ Meals
 - ▶ Transportation



NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (GRANTEE SHARE)

- ▶ 10, 20, or 30% requirement
- ▶ Cash or in-kind
- ▶ Excess Funds: Fundraising restrictions



RSVP TERMINOLOGY

- ▶ Sponsor/Grantees
- ▶ Volunteer Stations
- ▶ RSVP Volunteers
- ▶ Advisory Council
- ▶ Performance Measure Terms
- ▶ Graduating Stations and Volunteers



SERVICE ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ Replacing Paid Staff
- ▶ Political Activity
- ▶ Religious Activity
- ▶ Labor and Anti-Labor Activity



RSVP APPLICATION

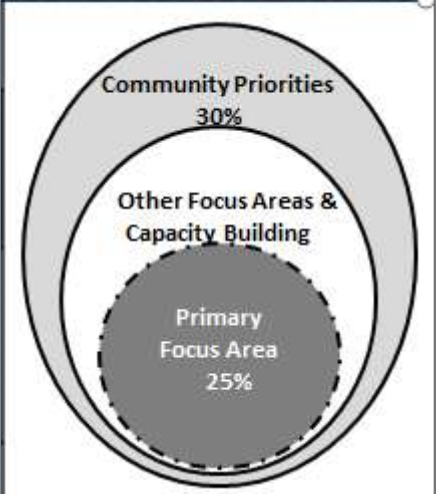
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Facesheet

Narrative

Budget

Performance
Measures and
Work Plans

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measure Category	Percent of Volunteers	
Primary Focus Area: National Performance Measures outputs in <u>one</u> of the six Focus Areas	At least 25%	 <p>Additional Requirement: 10% of Total Unduplicated Volunteers must be in workplans that result in outcomes.</p>
Community Priorities: Will report on success vs. failure to achieve self-determined targets	No more than 30%	
Other Focus Areas & Capacity Building: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Performance Measures outputs in any of the six Focus Areas; and/or 2. Capacity Building outputs 	Remainder of activity	



PERFORMANCE MEASURES MODULE

Community
Need

Instrument
Description

Service Activity
Description



DISASTER SERVICE FOCUS AREA

Train RSVP
volunteers in
Disaster Services

Prepares
individuals to
respond to
disasters

Helps individuals
recover from
disasters

Increases the
capacity of
individuals to
mitigate disasters



DISASTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Training, Creating Disaster Kits & Conduct Outreach
- ▶ Setting Up & Staffing Call Centers & Shelters
- ▶ Transporting Victims & Providing Health/First Aid Services
- ▶ Distributing Meals
- ▶ Clearing Debris & Renovating Housing
- ▶ Providing Housing Transition Support



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOCUS AREA

Improves access to services and benefits that increase financial literacy

Transitions individuals into or help them remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing

Improves individuals' employability and help them get jobs



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOCUS AREA

- ▶ Building & Repairing Homes
- ▶ Assisting with Housing Searches
- ▶ Supporting Adult Basic Education
- ▶ Helping with GED
- ▶ Supporting Adult ESOL/ESL
- ▶ Providing Income Tax Help



EDUCATION FOCUS AREA

Improves school
readiness for young
children

Increases educational
and behavioral
outcomes of students
in elementary, middle,
and high school.



EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Assisting in Classrooms (including Head Start)
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Mentoring in Schools
- ▶ Mentoring in the Community



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FOCUS AREA

Improves national
parks, state parks, city
parks, county parks, or
other public and tribal
lands

Improves trails or
waterways

Collects and recycle
materials



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Establishing or Removing Vegetation
- ▶ Removing Debris (not basic trash)
- ▶ Restoring Land
- ▶ Creating & Improving Trails
- ▶ Improving Waterways



HEALTHY FUTURES FOCUS AREA

Increases seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible

Improves access to primary and preventive health care



HEALTHY FUTURES ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Delivering Food, Supporting Food Pantries
- ▶ Providing Transportation, Companionship, Financial Literacy or Housing Services
- ▶ Preventing Elder Abuse
- ▶ Developing/Maintaining Community Gardens
- ▶ Providing Health Education, Staffing Hotlines



VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES FOCUS AREA

Serves veterans and
military service
members and their
families

Engages veterans and
military family
members in service
through RSVP
supported projects



VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Assisting DOL VETS or Dept. of Veterans Affairs Program
- ▶ Delivering Food
- ▶ Providing Companionship
- ▶ Assisting National Guard Volunteer Services



CAPACITY BUILDING

Support or enhance the
program delivery model

Respond to the
organization's goal

Enable the organization
to provide a sustained
level of more or better
direct services



OTHER COMMUNITY NEEDS

- ▶ Activities that do not fall within capacity building or the six focus areas
- ▶ Cannot include prohibited activities
- ▶ Only option is: Yes/No met all Applicant-Determined Community Priority Service Activity Targets



CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS

- ▶ RSVP project staff only
- ▶ Might not be budgeted for incumbent projects



REFERENCE MATERIALS

- ▶ For more information, Consult the Handbook:
 - ▶ Section 5.1 Consideration of the Performance Measures and Work Plans during Blended Review

- ▶ For more information on Senior Corps and RSVP:
<http://www.seniorcorps.gov/> or
<http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/rsvp.asp>



NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Continue Reading 2015 RSVP Review Handbook
- ▶ Participate in Orientation Session 3
Preparing for the Grant Application Review